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ALEPPO'S GUEST NOVEMBER 28

Our Imperial Potentate

ALFRED G. ARVOLD

IN the great mind of Alfred G. Arvold, our Imperial Potentate, who is to be the honored guest of Aleppo at the November 28th Ceremonial, was conceived an idea while he was a student at the University of Wisconsin. This idea, nurtured and developed by his genius, ultimately became a vital and powerful influence in the lives of thousands all over the world.

It has earned for him international recognition.

Today he is known as one of the most outstanding characters in the field of theatricals and drama.

The dream of a youth in a western university has become a vital factor in the community life of every state in the union, in both North and South America, in Europe and even in the Orient.

He has met Sir Horace Plunkett and George Bernard Shaw, the latter gratefully acknowledging our Imperial Potentate's services to Dramatic Art and described him as a "minister of the fine arts to the country communities of America". He has attended the Passion Play at Oberammergau, lived for three days at the home of Lange, the Christ Character in the play, was presented to the late King Albert of Belgium and has enjoyed an intimate friendship with many other famous characters. An address delivered by him in Liege, Belgium was translated into seven languages, he has lectured in many universities and his work has been featured in the leading magazines.

He is a member of the Players Club of New York City, a universally known theatrical organization in New York.

His Little Country Theater has been the mecca for celebrities and representatives of countless nations. The Associated Press has offered him posts in England, France, Russia, Norway and Italy but he has steadfastly clung to the work which was the dream of his youth. However, he has consented to serve as a



ALFRED G. ARVOLD
Our Imperial Potentate

member of the faculty of North Dakota State College at Fargo, the scene of his experiments in the Country Theater.

In connection with his foreign Masonic visitations he has been presented in London, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Glasgow, Norway and Iceland.

He is married to the former Mildred Mason Tolles who herself is a keen student and scholar, much engrossed in the work of our Imperial Potentate. She is also an invaluable aid to him in the visits he is making to the Shrines of North America. She is a charming woman of fine character brilliant but modest in her conversation. Together they are making a tremendous contribution to Shrinedom and winning the friendship, admiration, love and respect of all.

Aleppo Temple looks forward with eager anticipation to his visit on November 28th when we are having our greatest Ceremonial of all time.

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NEXT SHRINE LUNCHEON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12,
STATLER HOTEL

DUE to the regular Shrine Luncheon day, the fourth Tuesday of the month coming on the day of the big Fall Cere- monial, November 28th, the November luncheon has been cancelled.

This luncheon will be replaced by one to be held on Tuesday, December 12th, in the Imperial Ball Room of the Statler Hotel, Boston at 12:30 P.M.

Potentate Lombard assures the Nobles that he will have another speaker of National prominence for this occasion. Although he has not received a definite answer from the next guest speaker and is therefore not in a position to publish the name, he feels very confident of an acceptance.

If you were one of the Nobles who attended the October luncheon you will know that the five hundred present enjoyed one of the most outstanding speakers to appear at one of our luncheons in many years in the person of Louise Drysdale. Her address was most interesting and she held the attention of those present with her war experiences.

We have been assured that when the announcement is made who the guest speaker will be December 12th, the attendance will be even greater than it was last month and those present will hear a timely and most interesting address.

Don't forget the change in time and place . . . *Tuesday, December 12th*, at the *Hotel Statler*.

A special luncheon notice will be mailed to all members who have attended luncheons in the past. If you have not been receiving these Shrine luncheon notices advise the Recorder at once and your name will be put on this luncheon mailing list so you will receive all future Shrine luncheon notices.



NOBLE MARSTON ELECTED
GRAND COMMANDER

AT the 141st conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Wednesday, October 25th, Rt. Em. Sir G. Lester Marston, of West Medford, was elected to the office of Grand Commander for the coming year succeeding Rt. Em. Sir George B. Sampson, of Holyoke.

The new Grand Commander, who was born in Cambridge is a Past Commander of Coeur de Lion Commandery of Charlestown and has been a member of Aleppo Temple for the past twenty-one years. For many years he has been Vice-President of the American Mutual Liability Co., The American Policyholders' and the Allied Mutual Fire Co., as well as Vice-President of the Medford Savings Bank.

Other officers of the Grand Commandery chosen were: Deputy Grand Commander Frank H. Wilson, of Melrose; Grand Generalissimo Harold S. Crocker, of Brockton; Grand Captain General Ralph Gregory, of Providence; Grand Senior Warden George A. Weeks, of Dorchester; Grand Junior Warden A. Kenneth Martin, of South Weymouth; Grand Prelate Luther L. Weller, of Somerville; Grand Treasurer Charles W. Henderson, Jr., of Boston.

Grand Recorder William O. Tuckerman, of Hyde Park; Grand Standard Bearer Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Junior Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, of Boston; Grand Sword Bearer J. Herbert Hinds, of Quincy; Grand Warder William S. Cooper, of Medford; Grand Sentinel Herbert F. Sawyer, of Boston; Grand Captain of the Guard Charles F. Fairbanks, of Lowell.

Commander of 6th Division Frederic Kennedy, of Wellesley; Commander of 7th Division Harrie M. Taft, of Providence; Commander of 8th Division Kenneth H. Earle, of Providence and Commander of 9th Division Clarence O. Howard, of Springfield.

It will be of interest to the Nobility of Aleppo Temple to know that of the eighteen new Grand Commandery officers, twelve are members of Aleppo, one of whom is a Past Potentate. Aleppo Temple wishes to congratulate the Grand Commandery on their Noble line of Grand Officers.



SHRINERS WANTED TO
DONATE BLOOD

WITH big battles in progress on all war fronts and the thousands of men being wounded, the need for blood plasma is daily becoming more urgent.

While the boys in service are giving their all, those of us on the home front, who are able, should assist by visiting the Red Cross Blood Center in our home city or town and donate a pint of blood for the boys on the battle front and in hospitals. The need is more urgent than ever at this time and every Noble should heed the call. The Blood Center in Boston is located at 485 Boylston Street.

Many appeals have been made recently by the Red Cross and other organizations by radio and press and the quota required by our recent large scale battles has been increased considerably.

You, Noble, may be in a position to save the life of a soldier. If you are acceptable,

you should make an appointment with the Blood Bank at once. If you do not, you are letting down the boys on the battle front who are fighting to preserve your home front.

He is giving his all for you, you should be willing to give some blood for him.

Many organizations and business houses have sent groups of donors to the Blood Bank and it has been suggested that a similar large scale donation might be attempted by the Uniformed Units of Aleppo to show their appreciation of what the Servicemen are doing to preserve a free country where organizations like the Shrine may enjoy good fellowship in a peaceful world unmolested by greedy dictators.



NOBLE A. BURTON NELSON
HONORED

AT the September meeting of St. Paul's Chapter in the Masonic Temple, Boston, A. Burton Nelson was presented a "Paul Revere" medal by Most Excellent Basil M. Parsons, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter.

In presenting the medal, Most Excellent Parsons remarked that the presentation was being made for distinguished service to capital Masonry and Illustrious A. Burton Nelson was the thirty-first recipient of this coveted medal, the last presentation having been made to Albert A. Shaefer, Past Grand Master of Masons, who is also a member of Aleppo.

Noble Nelson was raised in Masonry in Golden Rule Lodge No. 5 of Stanstead, Quebec, on the top of a mountain in open air, a ceremony which has been conducted by this lodge once every year for the last fifty years. He is a Past Master of Brookline Lodge, a Past High Priest and the present Secretary of St. Paul's Chapter and has been a member of the Degree Team of that Chapter for seventeen years. Noble Nelson is also Illustrious Master of Boston Council, and at present the Junior Warden of Boston Commandery of Boston.

One of Noble Nelson's outstanding accomplishments in Capital Masonry was serving as a member of the ritual committee of St. Paul's Chapter where he gave liberally of his talent in writing the new authorized code ritual of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.

Another prized possession of Noble Nelson is a Jap battle flag which was recently presented to him by his nephew, a Major in the 34th U. S. Marines.

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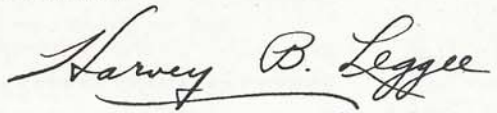
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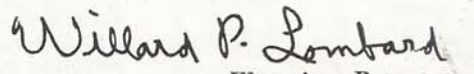
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COMING EVENTS IN ALEPPO TEMPLE

Tuesday, November 28 — Big Fall Ceremonial, Mechanics Building, Boston, in honor of Walter W. Morrison. We want 500 candidates to greet Walter with. We now have 235. Let's hit that 500 mark.

Tuesday, December 12 — Shrine Luncheon. Statler Hotel, Imperial Ballroom at 12.30 P. M. Another outstanding speaker of International fame. Door prizes, good food and good fellowship.

Saturday, December 30 — Annual Stag Night, Boston Arena. All Star Sports Program. Details in December issue of Aleppo News.

Friday, January 26 — Annual Meeting of Aleppo Temple. Mechanics Building, Boston.

MRS. MORRISON PASSES AWAY

MR. HATTIE A. MORRISON, wife of Past Potentate and Recorder Emeritus, Walter W. Morrison, passed away at her home in Winthrop, Friday, November 3rd, after a long illness.

Mrs. Morrison was born in Augusta, Maine, in 1858. She attended Boston Conservatory of Music and had a very promising voice as a young lady. She was also a very skillful artist, having acquired the art of painting on china.

Walter and Mrs. Morrison were married in Boston, November 15, 1882, and celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary last November.

Mrs. Morrison, who was 86 years old, had attended 28 Imperial Council Sessions of the Shrine with Walter, who is an Emeritus Representative of the Council.

The officers and members of Aleppo Temple extend to our Walter their sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

SHRINE CIRCUS RETURNS

THE Circus Committee is still trying to close the books of the Fourth Annual Shrine Circus and in order to do so requests all Nobles who have not made their returns on Circus tickets to make them at once. There are still many outstanding books of tickets and the committee would appreciate the assistance at this time of the Nobles who have not made their returns.

The names of the Nobles who joined the Circus Daddy's Club by purchasing tickets and returning the tickets with their check to be used for underprivileged children have been published up to October 9. As the requests received from thousands of underprivileged children far exceeded the number of tickets donated to our Daddy's Club the committee is still in hopes of receiving returns on sales of tickets and the purchase of Daddy tickets to be used to balance the account. Therefore, if you have not already joined the Daddy's Club, Noble, you can greatly relieve the pressure on the Circus Committee and join the club now by sending in your check and Daddy tickets at once.

The following is a list of the names of those who assisted the Committee by joining the Daddy's Club since the publishing of list No. 4 and up to November 1.

The names of those who wish to assist in this manner will be published in future issues of the ALEPPO NEWS.

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Leon K. Henderson
Wilbert C. Hodgdon
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Irving L. Josselyn
Samuel Palley
Ralph Y. Scott
Robert J. O. Simpson
Guy E. Small
Walter R. Tanch
Samuel B. Trumbull
Edwin D. Walker
Richmond W. Allison
Louis H. Alter
Thomas A. Appleton
William G. Bancroft
Earl M. Bartlett
Emile G. Brisse
Herman G. Bunker
William P. Burnham
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Albert C. Marble
Charles R. Metchear
Dwight G. Page
George Paterson
Carleton B. Perry
Sherman M. Pollock
Burt W. Rankin
Howard S. Reynolds
William G. Roberts
Jacob H. Robinson
Clifton D. Rockwell
Frank A. Schneider
Joseph B. Shaw
Raymond F. Simpson
William J. Smith
Peter N. Stamas
James E. Stansbury
Simon B. Stein
Lewis S. Stevens
Henry W. Stratton
Frederick E. Teichert
Clarence W. Towse
George A. Ward
Max E. Wind

SUPT. WOODS RESIGNS

NOBLE and Superintendent Edward M. Woods, of the Metropolitan District Commission, recently resigned from the department after serving for forty-four years.

Superintendent Woods, who was placed in command of the department in 1929 as a Captain, served in that office until 1935 when the Metropolitan District Commission honored him with an appointment to the office of Superintendent. The original holder of the office of Superintendent was Herbert W. West, who died in 1922. From 1922 until 1935 the man who did the work held only the berth of Captain.

Noble Woods resides in Stoneham and joined the Metropolitan force in 1900. He was advanced to Sergeant in 1914, Lieutenant in 1922 and was made a Captain in 1925.

The position held by Superintendent Woods is by far the most important one of its kind in New England for not only is its incumbent the head of what is today, without doubt, the finest police department in this section of the country, but he is at the head of the six great reservations that come under the care of the Metropolitan District Commission.

The Metropolitan force has been singularly free from political interference. The policy of non-interference by the commissioners was laid down by its first chairman, Hon. James A. Bailey, of Arlington, when the Commission was organized and its initial members were named by Gov. Calvin Coolidge.

Since 1910 Superintendent Woods was advanced steadily through all the grades, the result of hard capable work, and of always passing a very high civil service examination.

His business acumen was far above the average, for he was at the head of the Metropolitan Police Relief Association for many years and kept its financial standing without a flaw in its investments and far ahead of most organizations of its kind.

Before entering the police force he was employed in the Boston Rubber Shoe Co.

Noble Woods is a member of Wyoming Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Melrose; Waverly Royal Arch Chapter, of Melrose; Hugh de Payne's Commandery No. 20 of Melrose and Aleppo Temple.

He was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on October 28, 1874.

Aleppo Temple wishes Noble Woods many enjoyable years in retirement.

ALEPPO BOWLING NEWS

By VAIL K. HAAK
Associate Editor

ALEPPO'S Bowling League got off to a flying start on Thursday, October 26th. Previous to the matches, the gang all attended an informal gathering at The Ambassador Restaurant. For the first night the turn out was the largest that we have had since the league started.

It was nice to welcome back some old faces that have been absent for a year or two, notably Jim Greig and Fred Pettit. Jim is looking fit as a fiddle but taking it easy while he develops a new style of bowling. I noticed Fred Pettit still had his same old left-handed skill.

We also are pleased to announce three new members to the League. David Lees, Robert J. Howland (no relation to Doc), and Gilman Harvey. Andy Hill is also returning to the fold this year, probably to get that extra practice for The Aleppo Team in The Amateur Boston Pin League. Carl Priest put in his appearance for the first time in a year but has not decided yet whether he is available this year or not. Clayton Hawkrige attended as guest of Bill Richards and filled in on one of the teams, but says that he can't make it this year. Clayton is one of the top-ranking bowlers in The Amateur Boston Pin League, rolling his high scores for The University Club.

John Eaton tells me that he will be unable to bowl until after Christmas but will attend the meetings to give his team moral support. Sorry to hear that Gene Rothmund has been laid up and will be unable to attend this year.

The league was fortunate in being able to return to The Boston City Club this year, and a vote of thanks we want to extend to Pres. K. A. Juthe and Jim Greig for making our return possible, also an orchid to our hard working secretary, Girard Jones, for getting the boys out.

Next month we should have a pretty good idea how the teams are shaping up.

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By NOBLE J. HOWARD MACAULAY
Associate Editor

THE Degree Staff attendance as usual has been one hundred per cent.

Elaborate preparations are being made for our next Ceremonial in which the Degree Staff will be given more time to properly initiate the candidates. The classes are large and there should be excellent material to draw from. Without question, all candidates will be properly welcomed and not one will have any complaint about lack of attention.

Director Watson has been conferring with Potentate Lombard with reference to the second section for the coming November Ceremonial. The Potentate has asked the Degree Staff to put all their efforts into the work for this big fall meeting and the Director has promised him that the boys will work up an outstanding second section to help entertain our honored guests; Imperial Potentate Arvold and Past Potentate Morrison. The show the boys have planned promises to surpass anything engineered by a Degree Staff in Aleppo. The indications at the present time are that a class of five hundred is in the making which will give our Degree Staff a chance to pick some good candidates to cross the hot sands.

The boys are ready, the stunts are ready, plenty of candidates available. It should be a wonderful Ceremonial.

The Degree Staff is on a sound financial basis. At a special meeting of the Staff, held at the Shrine Headquarters on Friday, October 27, 1944, it was voted that each member be assessed his yearly dues on enrollment day and that the treasurer of the Staff make a complete report on the first Friday of each and every month.

The boys of the Degree Staff were again this year given the opportunity to assist in the Fourth Annual Aleppo Shrine Circus by selling the circus programs at the thirteen performances in the Boston Garden. Most of the members showed up to assist at one or more of the shows. It was a big job and the boys handled it in their usually efficient manner under the leadership of Director Watson. Potentate Lombard and Past Potentate Wilson, Chairman of the Circus Committee, have shown their appreciation of the work our boys did and the assistance they rendered in the success of this year's circus.

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A BENEVOLENT SHRINER

AN editorial eye has spotted some typically unobtrusive acts of benevolent kindness by Illustrious John H. Cowles, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council A. A. S. R., Southern Jurisdiction.

Noble Cowles is the oldest living Past Potentate of Kosair Temple of Louisville, Kentucky, being elected to that office in 1908. To the 1939 Imperial Session in Baltimore, he said, "I have been very proud that I remained in the Shrine. The magnificent work of the Crippled Children's Hospitals is the greatest thing you have ever done and you could not plan or scheme any other thing that would be equal to it." His personal donation of \$1,000 to the Hospitals was supplemented by a later check for an additional \$500.

His check to Kosair Temple for \$60.00 purchased a rung on the Ladder of Baby Smiles. Just recently he purchased an additional Life Membership through Rizpah Temple, and another through Ansar Temple. We are happy to recognize these additional evidences of material interest in our Shrine enterprise. No Mason has traveled more miles to spread the teachings of our cause than our eminent frater

NOBLE SECRET

Tens of thousands of allied soldiers still owe their lives to a medical secret weapon, a major medical development perfected in the Australian area of war operations. Major Henry F. Ullrich, chief of surgical services at the base hospital there, has developed a device which simplifies the task of transporting fracture victims from front lines to the rear.

Elaborate traction apparatus is eliminated as the insertion of Steinman pins into fractured bones keeps the patient comfortable and makes faster evacuation possible.

Major Ullrich is a member of Boumi Temple of Baltimore and was assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Maryland. Noble Ullrich also devised a canvas sling arch support which reduces foot injuries and makes landing happier for American paratroops.

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By J. ARTHUR MCCOY
Associate Editor

IT gave us all a great thrill to see Tommy Wyman again, after his two years in the European theater—showing no indications of the adventure and danger that he has faced. He won't talk so we can only imagine some of his experiences on an L.S.T. boat. We hope lady-luck will continue to be with him when he returns to duty.

Scratch Taylor is also seeing duty on an L.S.T. boat and says that he is "heading below for a long long time" in the Pacific—and he tells us of the kick he gets in operating the 13-ton Higgins Boats with their powerful Diesel motors. Says he is in the War up to his ears and everything else must wait—and makes the same plea as all servicemen, "write often."

Lieut.-Comm. Ed. Smith, now somewhere in the European area, has a two months old baby boy waiting for him, but the youngster knows nothing of the war and is concerned only with the food situation. Congratulations to Ed and Mrs.

And now another deep secret comes to light, in the wedding of our Arthur Holl and Miss Alice Noble on the fourteenth of October. Congratulations Arthur and I am sure that I speak for all the boys in wishing you both a long and happy future free from all troubles except little ones.

Another Potentate's Ball successfully completed on schedule and another patrol exhibition contrary to schedule—perhaps the spectators enjoyed it more, because of its brevity. It might be that the patrol needed more drilling since we had only one pre-drill with our adjutant present. George has been sadly among the missing during recent drills.

Capt. Melvin Lynn, son of our Russ Lynn, following his return to this country from the Sicily invasion, has just concluded a course at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, and is to be assigned to Columbia, S. C.

Lieut. Les Dixon made a big contribution to the Circus this year again, by bringing more than four hundred business associates of the W. H. Nichols & Son Co. of Waltham. A big job and a splendid one.

We are glad to hear that Dr. Salerno is improving after a long siege with pneumonia. Best wishes, Doctor, for a speedy return.

Noble W. C. Bragg, formerly a member of the first platoon, died October 10th. Noble Bragg was prominent in the real estate business and was a member of St. Paul's Lodge, St. Andrew's Chapter and Boston Commandery.

George Gardner, of the first platoon, has been assigned to the N.C.S., with the Colors, in a smaller but more exclusive company.

On November 9th, Lieutenant Beckman and his second platoon put on an exhibition drill for the entertainment of those in attendance at the Louis D. Brandeis Post

Military Ball. Louis Buchsbaum, of the second platoon, is Vice-Commander of the Post. During the evening the Post presented to Potentate Lombard a check for sixty dollars, for a membership in the Shrine Hospital Endowment Fund.

Lieut. Fred Duncan is back in line with the third platoon again, now that his duties at the Duncan Foundry have somewhat lessened. Glad to see you back Freddie.

We welcome three new members to the patrol this month: George H. Andrews is a truck driver of Medford, and a member of Mt. Hermon Lodge, Mystic Chapter, and Coeur de Lion Commandery. George is the son of Orrin Andrews of the second platoon, so we have our first father and son members on the patrol. Carl Curry is treasurer of the Amity Feeds, Inc., Boston, and lives in Belmont. He is a member of Algonquin Lodge, Past High Priest of Mt. Vernon Chapter and a member of Joseph Warren Commandery. Carl is a protege of Alec Campbell and an old friend of ours. Arthur H. Trump is proprietor of a service station at 820 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, and lives in the University City. He is a member of Brookline Lodge, St. Paul's Chapter, and Boston Commandery, and is a veteran of World War I. He was introduced by Bill Heiligmann of the Color staff. The third platoon is glad to hold a Trump.

We send greetings to a former member of the patrol—a member before your time and mine—a grand old member of Aleppo, who always had the darndest stock of stories to tell when we visited headquarters during his long term as Recorder, and before that, during his long term as Potentate, following his pre-educational course on the patrol. So we send our best wishes to Walter who is remembered with kindest thoughts.

COMING EVENTS OF OTHER TEMPLES

SPHINX TEMPLE, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT. Fall Ceremonial, Saturday, November 25, Foot Guard Hall, 1st Section 4 P. M. Dinner 6 P. M. 2nd Section 7.30 P. M.

PALESTINE TEMPLE PROVIDENCE, R. I. Fall Ceremonial, Monday, November 27 at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Stag Smoker, Saturday, December 2.

ZIYARA TEMPLE, UTICA, NEW YORK. Fall Ceremonial, Thursday, December 7.

KORA TEMPLE, BANGOR. Fall Ceremonial, Friday, December 8.

DAMASCUS TEMPLE, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. Fall Ceremonial, Wednesday, December 13.

MT. SIANI TEMPLE, MONTPELIER, VT. Fall, Ceremonial, Friday, December 15.

PYRAMID TEMPLE, BRIDGEPORT, CONN. Fall Ceremonial, Saturday, December 16.

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"HOW MANY HEARTS HAVE YOU BROKEN?"

ALAS, not one; not even when we failed to have any Band Notes last month. No one seemed to notice that this column was missing. Oh well, such is fame. But we had a good alibi for being A.W.O.L. Down at the Garden during the circus we picked up a darned germ which put us hors de combat, just at the time when we should have been writing our column of nonsense.

They say that confession is good for the soul. Also that to err is human. Well, we must confess that we certainly erred a few months ago in our account of the trip the band made to Gloucester. We gave our Quartermaster credit for playing the bass drum on that occasion, and Freddie did not deny the "alligator". But a little while after the statement appeared in the News Noble Roy Cummings wanted to know "How come?" Because he was the artist who officiated on the big drum so efficiently, and that Freddie had the easier job of banging the cymbals. So we offer our humble apologies to our good friend Noble Cummings, and next time will try to give credit where credit is due.

Noble "Bob" Bancroft has for several years been living in New York, but recently has been transferred to the Boston area, and has rejoined the band as an active member. He plays that tricky instrument called the French horn, and is a welcome addition to our ranks.

Noble Carl Perry, captain of the Boston Harbor Police, sent us a card regarding his trip to Chicago recently where he attended the National Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He writes that it was strictly a business convention with 3,699 delegates from all over the place — White, Colored, Filipinos, Indians, and one full-blooded Jap just returned from North Africa and Italy (which is one for the book).

Noble Charles "Fibber" McGee has a new job, namely — Hospital Liaison Representative in the Masonic Military Service Activities. We have before us a copy of the report of the campaign of this organization, and here's what the Director says about our friend "Fibber." We quote — "We are delighted to announce an added appointee, Brother Charles H. McGee, who will cover the various hospitals in Metropolitan Boston in the interests of members of Masonic families. Brother McGee brings to our support a wealth of Masonic experience and a deep sympathy, as well as a happy, sunshiny personality that will be a tremendous addition to our personnel." End quote. Now ain't that somp'n. But the Director failed to mention the fact that Charles is an expert at the great American game of "penny-ante." Had he done so it would have added lustre to this well deserved eulogy.

At last it looks as though the band was going to discard those — yellow stockings,

and return to the white leggings. We do not think any of the gang will shed many tears on that account.

At a recent band rehearsal we were honored with an informal visit from our Potentate, Willard P. Lombard, accompanied by his trusty aide, Noble N. Russell Lynn. The Pote gave the boys a short talk, and reiterated the fact that he believes in the band as an important factor in Shrine activities.

Will be seeing you at the Ceremonial on the twenty-eighth — we hope.

C. C. F.



NOBLE CILLEY RETIRES

AFTER 24 years as Secretary of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Noble Almon B. Cilley recently retired at the age of 80 years. Noble Cilley who has been a member of Aleppo Temple for the past 42 years is a Past Master of Algonquin Lodge of Dorchester and Past Master of a New Hampshire Blue Lodge.

Upon his resignation as secretary, Mr. Cilley turned over his records of the Chapter to the newly elected secretary,

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NOTES OF NOBLES

NOBLE GEORGE E. BROWN, of Somerville, was honored by "What Cheer" Blue Lodge No. 21 of Providence on October 6th when he was presented a medal by the Master of the Lodge in honor of his fifty-one years as a member of the Lodge.

Noble Brown has been in the employ of the R. H. Stearns Co., of Boston, for many years.

Noble Harold A. Rice, former Principal of the Needham Junior School since 1936, recently resigned to take up his new position as Head Master of the Keene, New Hampshire, High School. Noble Rice was a member of the Arab Patrol.

One of Aleppo's former band members, Dr. Victor H. Carpenter, recently hit the front page of the Boston newspapers when it was revealed that he had captured an alleged mail thief and knocked him out in a fist fight. Dr. Carpenter, who is a Bay State dentist, broke a knuckle in the knock-out punch. The doctor had rigged up an electric alarm trap with which he caught the thief in his office at 99 Bay State Road.

Noble Harry C. Demeter, owner of the Minerva Hotel, recently received a letter from his son, Capt. Lee H. Demeter, who is serving in the U. S. Army in Europe, in which he describes life in war-time France. Captain Demeter, writing from "Somewhere in Luxembourg" said he had visited Paris, which is an extremely beautiful and modern city and relatively untouched by war. He said that he had visited Isigny, Carentan, La Hage du Puits, Coutances, Avanches and many other cities in Normandy which were all pretty well banged up by the war.

A letter from Noble Dr. William E. R. Basch, who is serving with the 16th General Hospital, was written from "Somewhere in Belgium." Noble Basch has traveled considerably since arriving in Europe and spent two months in France. One of Major Basch's associates of the 16th General Hospital is Lieut. Col. Gilbert Hyatt, who is also a member of Aleppo Temple.

Past Potentate Arthur E. Winter, of Jaffa Temple, Altoona, Pa., drops a line to the ALEPPO NEWS to say that his complimentary copy is received regularly and he reads every word of it. Potentate Winter sends good luck and best wishes to Aleppo.

Congratulations and best wishes to Noble Charles H. Sargent, veteran executive of the Hotel and Railroad News Company, who recently observed his seventy-third birthday anniversary. The ever young executive is hale and hearty and just as vigorous as when he entered Newspaper Row many years ago.

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